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## News Release

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### STATE LICENSES RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

HONOLULU – The Professional and Vocational Licensing (PVL) Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) will begin the implementation of the Respiratory Therapists Licensure Program effective July 1, 2011. Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, now codified as Chapter 466D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishes the Respiratory Therapist Licensure Program. The purpose of the legislation is to ensure the quality of practice of respiratory care in Hawaii by establishing licensure requirements and regulatory standards for respiratory therapists who practice respiratory care.

Application forms will be available after June 1, 2011. For information on where to find an application form and how to apply for a respiratory therapist license, please visit our website at: <http://hawaii.gov/dcca/pvl/programs/respiratory>

For additional information, email your questions to the Respiratory Therapist Licensure Program at: [rt@dcca.hawaii.gov](mailto:rt@dcca.hawaii.gov) or call 586-2690.

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